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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES), PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO PARIS: PRESS RELEASE

REF: PARIS 22493

1. FOLLOWING ITEM, DATELINED PARIS, APPEARED ON AFP  
TICKER EARLY AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 11:

"VISITE PROBABLE EN FRANCE DU SECRETAIRE AMERICAIN A LA  
DEFENSE -

M. JAMES SCHLESINGER, SECRETAIRE AMERICAIN A LA DEFENSE,  
SE JOURNERAIT EN FRANCE A LA FIN DU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE,  
REONDANT A L'INVITATION DE M. YVON BOURGES, MINISTRE DE  
LA DEFENSE, APPREND-ON AUJOURD'HUI A PARIS.

M. SCHLESINGER AURAIT A CETTE OCCASION DES ENTRETIENS  
AVEC PLUSIEURS PERSONNALITES ET VISITERAIT DIVERSES  
INSTALLATIONS MILITAIRES FRANCAISES."

2. WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED HIBON (BOURGES' DIPLOMATIC  
ADVISOR), WHO WAS NOT AWARE OF AFP ITEM. HE LATER ASSURED US  
THAT MOD WAS NOT SOURCE OF "LEAK." HE ADDED THAT IT  
WOULD BE BEST TO MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NOW, TO  
AVOID FURTHER AND POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PRESS SPECULATION.

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FRENCH HOPE THAT WASHINGTON CAN AGREE TO PUBLIC RELEASE

OF JOINTLY AGREED TEXT TOMORROW, HE SAID.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM LOCAL AP OFFICE ABOUT AFP ITEM, TO WHICH WE RESPONDED BY REFUSING TO COMMENT. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM PRESS IN COMING DAYS, AND IT WILL BE AWKWARD TO HOLD TO "NO COMMENT" LINE.

4. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE RELEASE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 TEXT CONTAINED REFTEL. THIS NEED NOT PREJUDICE LATER RELEASE OF MORE DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED BY SECDEF PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28 ARRIVAL IN PARIS.  
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